Ratio of Placement to Registration (%)

	2001	2002	2003
Rajasthan	0.9	0.8	1.0
Punjab	2.0	2.0	3.5

NRIs' contribution towards India

2479. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have not focused about the NRIs' contribution towards India in different fields;

(b) whether any steps have been taken for the increasing participation of the NRIs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken to increase the participation of NRIs:

1. Celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas as an annual event to bring overseas Indian on one platform.
2. Setting up of a Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra.
3. Setting up of a separate Ministry for Non-Resident Indians Affairs.
4. Conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to recognize the achievements of the Indian Diaspora.
5. Launching of Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana for emigrant workers in December, 2003.
6. Reservation of seats in educational institutions for children of NRIs in Gulf.